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Pacific Art Exhibit

The first of what is hoped will become an annual tradition in the Inter-Stake San Francisco area, THE PACIFIC ART EXHIBIT, will open its doors and make its bow to the public Monday January 13th, 1947 at the Service Men's Home at 1836 Alice Street, Oakland, and will continue for four evenings, January 13, 14, 15 and 16th.

Besides being a cultural contribution to the public, and an encouragement to the artists, THE PACIFIC ART EXHIBIT of the area, will greatly benefit the Tabernacle funds through a generous arrangement with the displaying artists whereby any picture at the EXHIBIT may be purchased and half the funds thus accumulated will be added to the Tabernacle fund. This is considered a most noble gesture on the part of the artists for the benefit of a worthy cause, and it is hoped that the local saints will be equally generous in their patronage and financial support. The Committee in charge would like to see the Tabernacle treasury benefited by many hundreds of dollars, and even thousands of dollars, for they feel that the homes of the purchasers will be equally enriched by the sublime but subtle influence which great masterpieces of art have upon the children as well as upon the adults who live in the presence of the pictures day by day.

A hearty and personal invitation is extended to everyone to attend as often as they can and to bring as many friends as possible. The occasion calls for united efforts so that the attendance may be worthy of the artists and of the cause of building the Tabernacle. Let all keep the dates in mind and come in goodly numbers with all the friends possible. It is suggested that the various classes of our auxillaries and the various quorums of priesthood come as groups so that those who might otherwise let the matter slip by will be stimulated to attend.

The Carmel and Monterey colonies of artists are bringing their exhibits. Indeed some paintings had already arrived in December. Edwin Evans late professor of art at the University of Utah and first president of the Society of Utah artists will be represented by several originals. Max Blain of Spring City, Utah has sent three oils in handmade frames, "Utah Mountains", "Quaking Aspens", and "Winter Scene".

A few other arrivals are the works of Howard E. Smith of Carmel, Armad Hansen of Monterey, Francis Woodcock of Oakland, Nola De Jong of Richmond. Justin Faire of Oakland will exhibit three oils and three water colors; Clarence Tanberlain of Santa Cruz is bringing oil paintings and water colors while Mrs. A. H. Bramwell of Oakland will be represented by three paintings in oil.

An invitation is still extended to all those who may not have registered their paintings to contact the Director of THE PACIFIC ART EXHIBIT, William H. Evans, Twinoaks 2128. Another way in which the local colony may help is to donate to the PACIFIC ART EXHIBIT at the present time any paintings they may have in their possession that may at this time be offered for sale at the Exhibit.

New Bishopric Napa Ward. Right to left: Rex L. Bridges, First Counsellor; Reed W. Keller, Bishop; George Lemmon, Second Counsellor.

Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference Jan. 25 & 26, 1947; Music by Aaronic Boys' Chorus

For the first time in the history of East Bay Quarterly Conferences an Aaronic Priesthood Boys' chorus will furnish the music for both morning and afternoon sessions of a stake Conference. This chorus, prepared by conductors in the various wards for some weeks past and drilled together for several rehearsals, will be led by Rodney W. Pocock, Stake Chorister with Neil McCarthy of Dimond Ward at the organ and Carol Baird of Maxwell Park Ward at the piano.

The following numbers have been especially prepared and arranged for boys' voices and will be rendered at the Conference Sunday, January 26th:

"I'll go Where You Want Me to go, Dear Lord."

"An Angel from on High."

"On Lonely Susquehanna's Banks."

The first session of the Oakland Stake Conference will assemble Saturday night at 7:00 p. m. when the stake and ward welfare workers meet. At 8:00 p. m. the Stake Leadership Meeting assembles in the main chapel.

At 9:00 Sunday morning, two concurrent sessions will be held, one for all the priesthood in the main chapel, and one for all ladies in the Recreation Hall, while at 10:30 the first general session of the Conference opens and Aaronic Boys' Chorus will be heard.

At 1:00 p. m. Missionaries of the stake will hold their meeting, and at 2:00 p. m. the regular afternoon session begins, while at 7:00 p. m. the closing meeting convenes.

President Hilton Sends Greetings

"I feel deeply grateful for the many, many blessings which can be found all about us in spite of some dark clouds that appear here and there. Personally I feel humbly grateful that all my five sons who one year ago were in the armed services, now are back in civilian life busy with their own affairs and in the Lord's work, and that one of the five is now enabled to serve the Church in the mission fields in the eastern part of the United States. But above all things else I am grateful for the marvelous truths that have been revealed in these latter days to guide us as a people, and for the many fine and worthy associations we have with the wonderful people among whom we dwell."

President Hilton says that the Oakland Stake has now rechecked matters regarding the new Tabernacle, and voted unanimously to press forward as rapidly as possible to get under way with the building. Collections are coming in and mounting ever higher and higher. In a letter from Harold Burton, the Tabernacle architect, the thought is expressed that not everything has been lost by the past delays because it has given time for much study of the plans and for improvement not otherwise possible.

Last Saturday, reported President Hilton, Hayward Ward broke ground for the constructino of their $110,000 chapel on their large lot overlooking the valley and still easily accessible and relatively centralized.

Pres. Harmon & Counselors Send Greetings

In Berkeley Stake there is much work to do. The Stake was organized to increase the quantity and improve the quality of that work. Many, many more have been called to serve than hitherto, and it has been gratifying that, for the most part, the calls have been willingly accepted.

The Stake organization is now largely completed. It faces the New Year with confidence. The building program, the welfare program, the missionary program, all call for attention and will get it. There is, too, great room for improvement in each individual member's personal program for better daily living of the gospel. That, also, we hope will take place.

The Berkeley Stake Presidency feels confident that through the concerted efforts of the entire stake membership, with the Lord's help, the New Year can be made a happy and satisfactory one.

Lloyd Johnson High Councilman

Lloyd Johnson was sustained as the twelfth member of the Berkeley Stake High Council and also as Stake Work Director, at the December, 1946 Priesthod-Leadership meeting.

Elder Johnson, well known through the stake for his leadership in welfare projects, particularly the tooth powder project which was conducted without rental at the Lura Glo Laboratories of Brother Johnson, will continue to foster welfare activities on an enlarged scale in the stake.

"I feel glorious in the work of the Lord," said Elder Johnson to the Priesthood meeting. "I am very happy in the Gospel. When you raised your hands to sustain me you probably let yourselves in for more than you realized for by that token you promised to help me in my assigned labors," he warned. He has been counsellor in the Walnut Creek Branch since its addition to Berkeley Stake.

NEW MEMBERS OF BERKELEY STAKE HIGH COUNCIL AS OF NOVEMBER 24, 1946

Left to right: George D. Hughes, Berkeley ward, James H. Kirby, Pittsburg ward, Jesse Nielsen, Berkeley ward, Ira Markham, Martinez ward, John L. Murdock, Napa ward. Since this picture was taken Lloyd Johnson has been sustained a member of the High Council.

Berkeley Stake Calendar of Events For January, 1947

Wednesday, Jan. 8th. Joint M.I.A. Boards Meeting, Berk. Ward, 8 p. m.
Saturday, Jan. 11th. Stake M-Men and Gleaner Girls Social at the Service Men's Home, 1836 Alice St.
Saturday, Jan. 18th. Junior Girls & Senior Scouts Social, Service Men's Home, 1836 Alice St. Oakland.
Saturday, Jan. 25th. Beehive Girls and Boy Scouts Social at Service Men's Home.
Sunday, Jan. 26th. Priesthood-Leadership Meeting, Berkeley Ward at 2:00 p. m.

Oakland Stake Calendar of Events For January, 1947

Zelnora Evans and Trieste Hall of the Oakland Stake M.I.A. have assembled the following calendar of stake events for the month of January:

Thursday, Jan. 9th. Oakland Stake M.I.A. Board Meeting.
Friday, Jan. 10th. Stake Dance in Dimond Ward.
Saturday, Jan. 11th. Stake M-Men & Gleaner Girls Party at Service Men's Home, 1836 Alice Street, Oakland.
Sunday, Jan. 12th. Oakland Stake M.I.A. ward and stake Officers Meeting at 2:30 in Elmhurst Ward.
Friday, Jan. 17th. Folk Dance Group in Oakland Ward.
Saturday, Jan. 18th. Junior Girls and Senior Scouts Party at Service Men's Home, 1836 Alice Street, Oakland.
Sunday, Jan, 19th. Oakland Stake Priesthood-Leadership Meeting in Oakland Ward at 2:00 p. m.
Friday, Jan. 24th M.I.A. Stake Dance at Elmhurst Ward.
Saturday, Jan. 25th. Beehive and Scout Party at Service Men's Home!
Also First Session of Quarterly Conference, Welfare Meeting at 7:00; Stake Leadership Meeting at 8:00 p. m.
Sunday, Jan. 26th. Quarterly Stake Conference: sessions at 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:00, and 7:00 p.m.

Emery Ranker Gives New Year's Greetings

At the December Priesthood-Leadership meeting of the Berkeley Stake President Emery Ranker gave the New Year's greeting for the stake presidency. "I have more joy in my work in the Church than in anything else. We have a vision of great future responsibility of this stake, and we realize that no matter how good we may have been in the past, we can always do better. The New Year holds much for all of us to contribute to the Church and fellow man," he declared.

Elder Ranker submitted ten aims or objectives, or they may be called ten New Year's Resolutions for all L.D.S. in the stake.

(1) Full tithing, the Lord's tenth.

(2) Fast Offerings, the amount saved from fasting from two meals each month.

(3) Better attendance at all meetings for spiritual growth.

(4) Zealous genealogical work. The projected temple will await building until names are ready to take there with us. "A temple is more than a lot, a temple is more than a building, a temple is a spirit."

(5) Each one to magnify the priesthood to which he is called.

(6) Reduce the number of adult Aaronic Priesthood members.

(7) Unity as Saints, not thinking of ourselves alone, but include all members and the world.

(8) Adequate welfare program in which every single member of each quorum will be engaged. Work must be better correlated. Our stake and this region must now produce the actual goods we shall need to care for ourselves in time of stress. Presidents of quorums and all bishoprics are called to greater efforts in this great work.

(9) Each member seeking that testimony which is promised to those of a "broken heart and a contrite spirit," the baptism of "fire and the Holy Ghost."

(10) Living the Gospel seven days a week, loving fellow beings and God, and keeping all the Commandments, as we all promise to do in the eating and drinking of the emblems of the body and blood of Jesus.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

The following form is for use hereafter by the members of the wards of the Oakland Stake of Zion in their budget acceptances. Included, as will be seen, in each member's budget is the sum of 50c for the year's subscription to the Messenger.

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Mission Ward Leader

Every MIA group in the church could benefit from the example set by Brother Irving Bigelow of Mission Ward.

About a year ago he had charge of the Explorer group of boys and although he realized that the boys were interested in learning to dance well there seemed to be little he could do about it. There was no one in the ward, apparently, to take charge of this Cultural Arts Activity. Bigelow decided to go to Arthur Murray's dancing school to see if he could learn a few of the basic steps to teach his boys to dance.

He took a few lessons and became so interested in dancing that he continued taking instruction and became so proficient that at present he is dance director for all of the ward groups.

Brother Bigelow has been a Scoutmaster and in various Scout-leadership activities for over 25 years and is over fifty years of age. He gracefully demonstrates a waltz, varsouvienne, fox-trot or tango and is expert in teaching the **better forms** of jitterbug dancing although he states that the waltz is still his favorite dance.

He is hopeful that the Centenial Theme of this year may bring more inter-stake enjoyment of dances old and new.—Mrs. Leon F. Liddell.

Maxwell Park Ward News

Bishop Wm. A. Stewart will leave for New York on a business trip January 15th. He plans to be gone a month during which period the business of the ward will be in the capable hands of his counselors.

Colvin Cragun, Jr. passed away on October 31st. Bro. Cragen suffered a heart attack last January and had been seriously ill ever since. He was born at Salt Lake City, May 15th, 1889 and has resided in Oakland for the past 22 years. He is survived by his widow sister, Alice Cragun and three sons. Sister Cragun is visiting in Southern California with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boetes are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second son born December 21, 1946.

On December 19th, Ann Wyman and Gertrude Wood were hostesses to the Primary Officers and Teachers at their Annual Christmas party. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Wyman.

On December 20th, the Blue Bird girls were guests at a Christmas party at the home of their teacher, Hannah Rowe. The afternoon was spent in games and enjoying Christmas recordings and was topped off with delicious refreshments which everyone assisted in preparing and serving.

On Sunday evening, December 22, the Ward Chorus presented a splendid Christmas program.

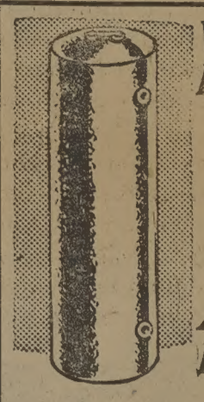
The Ward Bazaar held December 17th, was very successful and a vote of thanks is given to those people who contributed so much to this success.

Pattons Entertain Service Men

Stanley and Anna Patton of Berkeley entertained 19 service and ex-service men at dinner on December 1 in their home on Rose Street. Eight of these men were strike-bound waiting ship passage to their respective fields of labor as missionaries in the great Pacific Island area.

The Pattons are rejoicing in the variety of Christmas cards that came to them from service men and ex-service men, most on foreign missions. Cards came from Sweden, Norway, France, Switzerland, Austria Missions. England, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, the Spanish-American Mission, and from almost all the Church Missions in the United States, and also from Canada.

The Messenger extends to the Pattons, "Mom" and "Dad", the feliciations due to them for their superb influence for righteousness among the hundreds of servicemen who came into the hospitable home for all the weary war years, influences that are now bearing rich fruit. "Well done, thou good and faithful servants".



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"MARJORIE EVANS" COMES BACK HOME TO VISIT

"Marjorie Evans" formerly of Berkeley Ward now of Honolulu is again here on a visit with her parents Reuben and Josephine West Evans. She was so well known as "Marjorie Evans" for her talented and faithful Church work that we are finding it difficult to realize now when she returns to us that she is Mrs. Marjorie Evans Mowat, the mother of three children, Richard 3, Michael 2, and Mary Ann 1.

The picture above of "Marjorie Evans" shows her as we knew her in her work on the dancing and the drama before she left Berkeley for Stake Y. L. M. I. A. Board in Honolulu.

Wendell Says It's "Chromite Now and Forever"

Naturally you don't know which "Wendell", not what "Chromite", so let's get on a Foothill bus and go for a semi-business call, and I'll show you both "Who" and "What".

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Notice that new building with the two very wide show windows, and the fine door-way in between? That's the place! And the sign, "CHROMITE" locates the spot for sure, so in we go. It's 6633 Foothill Blvd. and its a happy time to call, for "Wendell" is all smiles as we walk in for on that particular morning a photographer is taking professional pictures of the new interior displays of "CHROMITE", and also of the other half of the store, namely, the window curtains and draperies all set up on make-believe, real-sized windows all along one side of the store interior. Next, there is the display of rugs, and the rolls of yardage carpeting in "the lovliest patterns".

We catch the spirit of the thing and start asking questions, and how we do like the answers telling of all those fine new products that are beginning to appear and that will so quickly modernize our homes, with such little trouble. So we ask, "What is that "CHROMITE?" and for answer we are told to scan that entire west wall of varied yard-squares. Each square is covered with a different shade or tint of "CHROMITE" tiles, in soft pastel colors or baked enamel on zinc and therefore water, rust, and corrosion proof, enamel just as smooth, clean, and lasting as your kitchen range enamel, but in any color of the rainbow to suit one's fancy. We just can't help "Oh-ing" and Ah-ing", for they are in such delightfully fresh colors.

Oh, yes; forgot to introduce you. That smiling brother is Wendell Martin, Bishop Robert Paine's son-in-law, and a stand-by tenor in the Mormon Male Chorus. But Wendell is a good business man, too, for he now has won the agency for Chromite for all of Northern California. Those large "chromite", ads in the Oakland Tribune and in the Messenger are Wendell's "ads".

Jess O. Harmon to Manage Brake Dept. For Tracy Stout

The members of the local colony will have the pleasure of welcoming a new recruit from "Grand Old" Idaho about the first of the year when Jess O. Harmon of Boise comes to head the new Brake Department for Tracy Stout in Tracy's large, newly-completed concrete store on University Ave., near Grove in Berkeley.

Mrs. Jess O. (Evelyn) Harmon and four children will arrive about the middle of January. It might be helpful to mention that the Harmon family are on the lookout for a new home in the East Bay.

Jess O. Harmon was originally from Salt Lake City and his wife Evelyn from Murray, Utah. The Messenger extends the hand of fellowship to the Jess Harmon family, and wishes them every joy in their new home in the great S. F. bay region.

E. Richmond Ward News

A fine missionary party was given December 27 in honor of Lavar Beebee Mylar who left January 2 for the mission home in Salt Lake City. He will serve in the Spanish-American Mission.

Bishop Mortensen was called to Denver during the Christmas season due to the illness of a sister. She is recovering, however, and the Bishop is home again.

A delightful party was given December 18 honoring the retiring Relief Society Presidency, Sister Grace Hopkins, and her two counselors Naomi Layton and Ellen Haddock. A program, refreshments and presentation of gifts marked the occasion.

Come to see and to buy at the Pacific Art Exhibit at the Service Men's Home, 1836 Alice Street, Oakland, M. T. W. Th., January 13, 14, 15, and 16. Benefits go to the Tabernacle Fund.

S.F. Stake News

The first San Francisco Stake Quarterly Conference for the year 1947 will be held January 11 and 12 in the Stake Meeting House at 22nd and Lawton Streets. Meetings will be scheduled as follows:

Priesthood Leadership, Saturday, 8 p. m.; General Priesthood and Mothers and Daughters, Sunday, 9 a. m.; General Session, Sunday, 10:30 a. m.; General Session, Sunday, 6 p. m.; Fireside Chat for Young People, Sunday, 8:30 p. m. (Please note there will be no afternoon session).

S. F. CENTENNIAL BALL

The Centennial year observance is beginning in San Francisco Stake with a Centennial Ball to be held in the Palace Hotel Gold Room, Friday evening, January 24. It will be semi-formal and admission wil be $2.50 per couple. There will be a splendid orchestra with vocalist. The ball is sponsored by the Stake MIA organizations for the enjoyment of all Latter Day Saints and their friends.—Mrs. Leon F. Liddell.

Berkeley Stake Leadership Meeting

At the Berkeley Stake Leadership Meeting, December 22, 1946, (Oakland Stake passed their regular Leadership Meeting in December) President Harmon gave notice that hereafter the three divisions of the meeting will continue for three hours, (one hour for each division) starting at two p.m. sharp; also that the Auxillary Organizations may meet with the Leadership Meeting if they so desire, but that this matter is in their own hands. They may choose other times to meet. Heretofore the divisions of the leadership Meeting have been cut to 40 minutes to accomodate the Auxillaries. But this shortening has interfered with proper stake business, and will not be continued hereafter.

Two Additional Missionaries

Elsmore Kern of Claremont Ward has been called to the California Mission. Reed Tolman of Berkeley Ward, son of High Councilman Nathan and LeRee Tolman, will depart for the Australian Mission in January.

The Fairfield Branch, heretofore part of the Vallejo Ward, has become a dependent Branch of Napa Ward, with Allan C. Woolley of that Ward as president of the Branch. All good wishes to the Fairfield Branch. A Brentwood-Oakley Branch will shortly be set up, it was announced.

Advancements in the Priesthood were approved by vote as follows: to be High Priests: Wm G. Kershaw and Wallace Wierman; to be Elders: Delbert H Rock, Jr. and James A. Miller. James Kay was sustained as chorister of the Stake Aaronic Committee in harmony with the new policy of increased musical work with the lesser Priesthood.

Mrs. Irene Ranker was sustained as new Stake president of the Y. L. M. I. A.

Elders 4th Quorum Dinner - Social

President Elbert M. Gleason announces that on January 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Berkeley Recreation Hall the 4th Quorum of Elders of Berkeley Stake will gather around the festive board for a dinner and for an evening of pleasantries and entertainment.

This pleasant affair will be attended by the Elders and their wives, and no charge made nor offerings asked. All members are asked to pass the word along to fellow members of this quorum so that as near to 100% may attend and enjoy an evening of good fellowship in this first priesthood social of the new year.

The Stake Presidency, their wives and other special guests will attend.

Oakland Stake Family Party

On Friday evening, December 13th, the Oakland Stake officers with their partners enjoyed a most delightful party at Elmhurst Ward. Glen Shaw and Zelnora Evans of the M.I.A. acted as general chairmen. Members of the Stake Presidency with their wives graciously welcomed each guest. Glen Shaw not only acted as Master of Ceremonies but skillfully directed the games which were intersperced with program numbers which included readings by Margaret Bennion and musical numbers by Thelma Morgan and Blaine Wilson. Verna Jackson of the Stake Primary Association in her inimitable manner led the group in a Christmas "sing." Dances, including dance mixers, were cleverly directed by Gladys Markham, Stake Dance Director.

The very delicious refreshments, consisting of hot spiced cider, mince pie with ice cream and candy, had been prepared and was served by the ladies of the Relief Society. The lounge was improvised into an attractive dining room with appropriate Christmas atmosphere. The table was beautifully laid with a lace cloth, silver candleabras and the crystal punch service. Not only was the food tasteful but the charm of the ladies who presided at the table and so graciously served added enjoyment to the occasion.

The unique and most effective decorations, provided by members of the Sunday School Board, composed of large branches of evergreens tied with huge bows of red ribbon, were fastened artistically on the side walls. Carl Erickson of the Missionary group was in charge of invitations.

President Hilton's Christmas message, which was sincerely delivered and was deeply impressive to all who attended, completed the evening's entertainment.

Walnut Creek Branch

Another year has passed. Our dream house had tumbled down,
And spread a path of memories for us upon the ground;
A year ago the Branch was small, but still it struggled on,
With a handful of members attending, while the Priesthood had gone.
Yes, many their country were serving in the wake of the terrible war,
Some paid even the penalty and with us will be no more.
The very fibers of the Branch existance seemed to be shredded and thin;
Were we to cry defeated, because of the lack of men?
No! that sturdy pioneer spirit had not died with the years;
"We will press on" the Sisters cried, and brushed aside the tears.
So Sunday School was held each Sabbath, though sometimes the pupils were few,
But the Lord had spoken: "Though numbers be few, there I will be too."
He with us has been; rewarded are we and our Branch is growing again
How happy are we on each Sabbath day, now the pulpit is graced by the men,
The glorious Priesthood of God; no happier words can be spoken,
No greater privilege given to man, than to hold by right this token.
We thank Thee, Father, for the right to serve Thee on earth,
We thank Thee for sending the Prophet and for our honored birth.
Forgive us, Our Father, we pray Thee, for any wrongs that we might have done
And we pray, Dear Father, for Thy guidance and protection in the many years to come.

This poem was written, in appreciation of the sisters who carried on so diligently during the absence of our Priesthood, by Peru Evans.

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Napa Ward News

December started off with a bang for the Napa Ward.

The Relief Society opened the "doings" with a grand bazaar on the 6th, offering many useful and ornamental gifts suitable for Christmas presents. As a result a nice sum was added to their treasury.

December 13th was the occasion for the first of a series of dinners to secure funds for the new chapel. The auxiliary organizations divided the responsibilities among them, and a huge success attended their efforts. A full course turkey dinner, enlivened with musical interludes, was the means of adding a goodly sum to the fund. Brother Taysom of the bishopric deserves credit for his handling of the affair.

The ward showed its appreciation for the splendid work of Bishop Murdock and his wife by tendering them a testimonial party on Dec. 20th.

The first missionary to go from the Napa Ward was honored at a farewell party on Dec. 27th. Elder George W. Bruerton and his wife will leave Napa Jan. 3rd to enter the mission home in Salt Lake City preparatory to sailing on the Queen Elizabeth Jan. 18 for their native England. Replacing Brother Bruerton in the Sunday School Superintendency, Brother T. Elmer Olive chose as his assistants Robert Springall and Vernon Meade .

The Primary Association gave a party for their members on Dec. 21st. A Christmas Pageant with Santa Claus in person delighted those present.

A large number of the ward members saw the old year out and gave the New Year a rousing welcome at a New Year's dance, culminating the month's activities.

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Starting at the well known intersection, 40th and Telegraph, we'll step along to 4117 Telegraph until we notice the sign "Dentist", and on the entrance, "Dr. Kenneth Krey". Going up the one flight of steps we walk into a spacious waiting room and take seats. In due time the "Doctor" greets us, a young man formerly from Ogden but now a 1945 graduate of the U. C. Dental college in S. F. A short chat regarding mutual friends in Ogden, and our Berkeley John Soelberg, Jr., a fellow classmate of the "Doctor", and now a full fledged dentist in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, convinces us that Doctor Krey needs only a little time for people to become acquainted with him, and he will settle into our East Bay colony very nicely. At present his one desire is to find a house or apartment for himself and wife so that they may move over from Sunset Ward nearer to his office. And here's hoping. Welcome, Doctor Krey; and may success attend you.

From the office of Doctor Krey we walk up Telegraph one block and come to the "Telegraph Avenue Sewing Machine Shop" of "Charlie" Mills who greeted us with the smile that wins. We take a glance about the little shop, and find that here are all the various makes of sewing machines ready to go back to their owners in "a newness of life"; some even in new "robes". By this latter remark we refer to the new baked-enamel finishes which thorougly modernizes any "old" machine as in the old automobile days when first lizzy became a lady". No wonder "Charlie" Mills is prospering, doing such outstanding work that the great mail-order stores have him care of their repair work on sewing machines.

Brother Mills accompanied me into the barber shop of our old Oakland ward friend, Early Caldwell. We didn't have to walk more than a foot to do it either. In fact the two shops adjoin. I remembered reading in Earl's advertisement in the Messenger "Earl specializes in haircutting and shampooing" and also that "Jennie specializes in permanent waves". With this in mind I glanced about and soon saw that the front half of the shop is the barber's half but that the rear half is the beauty parlor half, and therein Mrs. Caldwell busy with one of her customers, but finding time to send out a pleasant greeting. Brother Mills and the Caldwells are a genial but a busy people and prosperous, so I bid them God-speed and sped myself along two blocks still further north to 45th Street and Telegraph just where Shattuck Ave. cuts off from Telegraph and goes it's own diagonal way to Berkeley.

There on 45th and Telegraph was the largest of all the LDS businesses, "Grow's Texaco Service" the largest service station, I think, on Telegraph Avenue. At least it's a "whopper," for besides the usual service station and pumps there is a large "L" shaped building and a flock of workmen busy, some at washing and polishing, some at steam cleaning and lubricating, and some at the latest thing "on the market", the famous "MOTO-SWAY" lubrication "under driving conditions". I went out and saw for myself the MOTO-SWAY machine which Brother Wendell Grow has just recently had installed. And does it do things. Still it's simple. It sets up a swaying motion while the lubricants are put where the actual wear takes place, between the leaves and in the "knee-action" parts, so that hidden body-squeaks and impaired parts are discovered, and the "old bus" rides like new again. And Wendell explained that it is all done at no additional costs over any good lubricating job, and for the month of January he is even handing out coupons good for one free MOTO-SWAY lubrication "job".

Right across Telegraph Avenue and near 43rd Street is the last of the five LDS men in business in this four-block area, namely "Bill" Banks of the Banks Furniture Exchange. It's a "big" brother Banks formerly of the Oakland Ward Bishopric, and as genial as he is big. We went in the store where in July we had purchased a fine used heater for the Messenger's basement work-room. You can get anything you want from spoons to spring beds, it seems, and at great savings in prices. Bill showed us everything and took our order for a few items he'll look out for. Christmas buying was good when we were there, and we left with a feeling of satisfaction for the five LDS men who are so well carrying on their work on Telegraph between 40th and 45th.

Oakland Ward News

Our M.I.A. is again fully organized, with Ernie Adams as activity counselor working with Val Shields as manual counselor. A very fine group of workers who have plans for plenty of activity this winter. (Let's have 100 per cent attendance at Mutual).

Lavern Pennock, our Relief Society President, wishes to thank all who helped to make the Bazaar of Dec. 10, such a wonderful success.

Everyone enjoyed the very splendid program, which was presented by the Junior Sunday School, under the very efficient direction of Annie Beckett and her assistants, and also the inspiring Christmas Cantata presented by our Choir, under the direction of their fine and capable leader, Ethel Mauss.

A very delightful party was given for our retiring Bishopric, J. Rulon Doxey and William Banks. A beautiful wrist watch was presented to Bishop Doxey, also a lovely fountain pen to Brother Banks. These were just small tokens of appreciation for their fine service. A splendid program was rendered, followed by dancing and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Leath Cluff and their litle daughter Loraine, have now established their residence in Glendale, Calif., where Leath is Manager of one of the stores for his company.

Mrs. Norma Lofgren, wife of Kimball Lofgren, was baptised Saturday evening December 28. We welcome her to our church and wish them both success and good luck.

Lorna Merrill and her future husband visited here during the holidays.

Alameda Ward News

Beginning the first Sunday of January and each month thereafter boys of the Aaronic Priesthood Quorums, accompanied by members of the bishopric, will visit each home in the ward for the purpose of collecting fast offerings. They will call between 8:30 and 10:00 a. m. . . . On December 30th, ward building plans, carrying the signature of the Stake President and the Bishops, were air mailed to Salt Lake City for final approval . . . Alameda Boy Scouts are collecting newspapers to raise funds to re-register the Scout troop . . . Sixty dollars was the amount cleared at the Relief Society dinner held December 9. The funds are to be used to finance the organization during the coming year . . . Albert Schuermann, manager of the Neptune Theatre, who is soon to be baptized, played host to the Bee-Hive girls on Monday evening, December 23rd with a theatre party following an hour of Christmas caroling . . . June Christensen replaces Phyllis Everton as Chairman of the Girls' Committee. Rollin Jensen was sustained as ward organist. Clare Hunt has been chosen as M-Men and Gleaner Fireside leader . . . On Saturday, Dec. 14th, 12 Bee-Hive girls, under the supervision of Gertrude Herrmann and Helen Johnson, spent a day, filled with enriching experiences, in the snow near Jackson . . . Held at the home of Chris Mortensen, the Primary Pageant and party delighted a large number of children and parents. Viola Stam not only directed the Pageant, but made most of the costumes. Following the exciting visit from Santa, Brother Mortenson presented the group with a large Christmas cake . . . Don't forget that the third Tuesday evening of each month is ward correlation meeting at the Bishop's home . . . Edna Gait, new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus A. Patrick arrived December 5th.

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"Snow Ball" Dance

Invitations are in the mail and all young people, ages 15, 16 and 17 of Oakland and Berkeley Stakes are assured a wonderful party. There will be dancing, of course, and specialty numbers. Junior Girls and Senior Scouts are in charge of arrangements. Be at the L.D.S. Service Men's Home, 1836 Alice Street promptly at 8 p. m. Winter Wonderland decorations will be supervised by Oakland Stake leaders, Iola Smith and Chas. Gustaveson, and refreshments by Berkeley Stake leaders, Emma Taylor and Perry Lane. It will be a fun evening. Don't miss it!

Relief Society News

Our first Union Meeting of 1947 will be held January 10th at the Welfare House. All ward officers will be in attendance. Sewing assignments for 1947 welfare budgets will be given out, and a survey made of the budget completed in 1946.

Attendance at regular Relief Society Meetings is climbing at a good rate. The stake's best figure for the month was 49% for Dimond Ward. Let all of us work for some such standard during the current month.

The new class in "Fundamentals of Sewing" is meeting real enthusiasm, and is now "a going concern", in all wards. Young mothers, and all mothers for that matter, who wish to sew should take advantage of this splendid opportunity.

During the Christmas season we are called to reflect that too often our gifts are just material things. Frequently a greater gift would be a friendly word, a cheery smile, and a kind act—in short a note of encouragement to those who are discouraged or who are less fortunate.

What we keep we loose, but what we give away we keep forever.

—Viola Rainey

Elmhurst Ward

May we extend to all members of our Stake a Happy, Joyous and Successful New Year, and the fulfillment of many dreams and plans.

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—Reed Smoot

We enjoyed a spiritual feast at the Sacrament meeting December 29th which was in charge of the Presidents of the 247 Quorum of Seventies. Three very inspirational missionary talks were given by Presidents Roy Weindorff, Herbert J. Marsh, and Eugene S. Hilton. President Jack Fitzpatrick rendered two fine solo numbers.

Our fireside group on the last Sunday of the year conducted an informal discussion on the subject, "Preparation for a Mission"; one of the returned missionaries of the group gave a brief outline of the program of preparation in the Mission Home, etc.

On Friday, January 24th, a get-together party has been arranged for all of the Melchisedek Priesthood members and their companions. A very hearty invitation is extended to all quorum members in the ward. Let us start the New Year in Recreation together. "A friendly ward is a successful ward." Appoint yourself as a committee of one to make this party outstanding in attendance and joyousness.

The Relief Society is in readiness for a very active year ahead with outlined scheduled meetings.

At our Welfare House weekly a delegation of our young people from the Fireside group have been in attendance, to assist as the need presented itself. "The Savior admonition "If you do it unto the least of one of these, ye do it unto me," will be the reward of these fine students.

May we strive to be examplars, teachers and peacemakers throughout this year 1947, and missionaries every day of our lives.

New Presidency High Priest Quorum, Berkeley Stake. Right to left: Herbert M. Ellsworth. Upper, William G. Banks, Second Counselor; lower, Alvin G. Cheshire; right, Douglas Ream, First Counselor.

Vallejo Singing Mothers On KLX

One of the pleasant radio presentations of the Christmas season was the appearance of the Vallejo Singing Mothers on KLX, December 23, 1946 from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m., when they presented a Christmas cantata under the efficient leadership of Alameda Nielsen.

Pittsburg Ward News

Pittsburg has a new Bishop. We should like very much for everyone in the stake to know of Finley C. Pearce, and so this thumbnail sketch is offered. Pittsburg people first heard of Bishop Pearce when he came here to be employed by the Shell Chemical Co. Shortly after he met and married Orba Eldredge he was selected by Bishop Kirby to be first counselor in the Bishopric. He served in this capacity for about two years. Then at the time Bishop Kirby was taken into the Stake High Council Brother Pearce was selected and unanimously sustained as Pittsburg's new Bishop. He has four lovely children—all boys. His humility and diligence is expressed in this statement from the Pittsburg Ward paper "The Courier."—"When I realize the brevity of life's span and the eternal consequences of my every act and word and thought with regard to the ultimate status of my soul I am anxious to bless every creature with whom I come in contact."

The holiday season has brought some exceptionally fine socials and parties to Pittsburg. The children were featured in the Christmas party in the form of a cantata. Christmas caroling carried the Saints to Antioch, Pittsburg, and West Pittsburg to serenade the people of this area. A bang-up New Year's Eve party and dance was presented in the Columbia Park Auditorium with Marian Dansie and Marlton Simons in charge.

Ordinations: Bruce Barton from Deacon to Teacher.

Births: Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Epling.

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Walnut Creek News

We are proud to report that a Primary has been started in our branch with Sister Alice Everett, President, Sister Irene Landes and Sister Blanche Cherrington as counselors. There are high prospects of a well organized primary through the large attendance and enthusiasm of the younger group.

The big event of the month was our annual Christmas dinner and party. Turkey and all the trimmings was served to the largest group ever assembled in our branch. The dinner was prepared and served by the Relief Society, and a lovely program was presented by the Primary group.

Three of our young folks were home for the holiday season. Grant and Ardith Osborne were home from the B.Y.U. for a two week's vacation. Emery Ranker, Jr. was vacationing from Stanford.

A party was held by Pittsburgh, Martinez and Walnut Creek at Skateland in Martinez. On January 8th the Senior class of Walnut Creek branch will be hosts to Pittsburg and Martinez. We hope to see a large turnout.

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Interstake Open House New Year's Day

One of the high lights of NEW YEAR'S DAY was the interstake openhouse held at the lovely Service Men's Home at 1836 Alice Street Oakland. The Presidencies and High Councils of the two brother stakes were hosts to the membership of the local colony and their friends. Old friendships were renewed as the people came and went from the hours of 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is hoped that many more interstake parties will be held from time to time.

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Institute News

The Institute has made itself felt on the University of California Campus and Bay-wide in the Church.

The Institute was ready for the students when the semester began. With amazing efficiency the Deseret Club organization became enmeshed in the spirit of the Institute.

Credit for the Sunday School must go to Richard Poll who has since retired somewhat from Institute activities and expanded his influence in his home ward, Claremont. The Deseret Club was activated by B. Easton Sampson who was also forced to retire because of divided responsibility. The Priesthood meeting progressed under the tutelage of LeRoy Eyering. George Boyd, director of the Institute, had timely and interesting classes already scheduled.

The Institute Sunday School has been a drawing-card for visitors and the scene of numerous, brilliand guest performances as well as for a display of local talent. Two stellar guest speakers have been Pres. Bryan Barton of the San Francisco Stake and Dr. Sterling M. McMurrin, Professor of Philosophy at USC. Brother Boyd's clear insight into the problems of religious living have been equally interesting.

The Deseret Club, under Wally Scott, has presented a galaxy of social events. The Christmas theme was developed throughout December with the trimming of our beautiful tree on the 13th and our "Christmas Capers" party on the 20th. A combined fireside with Berkeley and Claremont Wards on the 22nd and Christmas Eve Caroling topped off the month's events.

The Priesthood class has already presented one program in the Claremont Ward and the second of a series was given on January 5 in the Sunset Ward in San Francisco.

To initiate the University of California pledges to Lambda Delta Sigma on January 12 at the L.D.S. Institute of Religion, 2368 LeConte Ave., Berkeley, two car loads of Lambda Delta Sigma actives from the Lambda Chapter on the UCLA campus will be here. Heading the group will be Dr. Byron Doane who directs the LDS Institute on the Southern campus. Also expected is Carl Wood, who wrote the initiation ceremony, and possibly Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education. After the pledges have been initiated, installation of a Chapter of the fraternity on the Berkeley Campus will take place.

Once a chapter has been established here and the pledges initiated, Director George Boyd of the Berkeley Institute will be able to appeal to the University and the Inter-Fraternity Council for recognition of Lambda Delta Sigma as an organized, active Chapter on this campus.

For pledges to become initiated, they must have completed a list of requirements which range from the necessity of attending an Institute class to memorizing the Greek Alphabet. It is hoped that all of the approximately fifty pledges will fill their requirements and become initiated.

On January 18 at 9:00 p.m., the Berkeley Ward Chapel will be transformed into the Garden of Eden for the Lambda Delta Sigma initiation Formal, the first activity of the new chapter after its installation. Richard Smith, an active from Delta Chapter at the Arizona State College in Flagstaff, is in charge of the affair.

Wm. H. Evans

The article "Youth and the Scientist", in the last Messenger, we felt, was a notable contribution on the theme of science and religion. We wish now to acknowledge the author as being that gifted writer, Wm. H. Evans of Dimond Ward.

"Bill" Evans is a most versatile person, and The Messenger might as well take this occasion to say it as to wait for other times. In business we have known him for years as head of the Wm. H. Evans Agency handling blankets, wholesale and retail, for the western states. In the Liahona Club he is known as one of its vice-presidents for two years and an organization of the Club. In Church work Elfer Evans is Chairman of the Oakland Stake Genealogical Committee, and also a member of the Stake High Council, and Director of the Pacific Art Exhibit.

And right down here at the bottom of this note regarding my friend William H. Evans, the editor is going to add that he and "Bill" began their long mutual acquaintance back in Sevier County, Utah in 1918 when ye editor was serving as County Superintendent of Schools and the honorable Will was an indispensable school principal in the county, a principal the parents, the children and the board and superintendent felt was a blessing to the community.

Claremont Ward News

The Ward Youth Committee has been reorganized with Joe Roy Hilton as general Secretary and Gertrude M. Lowry, assistant Secretary in charge of the girls' groups . . . Sterling Carr and wife Nanette have returned to Portland, Oregon to make their home. She was a valuable Sunday School teacher, while he was a priesthood class leader . . . The ward Relief Society, under Pearl Meinie held a bazaar recently and were able to make a generous donation of $175 to the building fund, representing one-half of the proceeds . . . The Relief Society Singing Mothers will present musical numbers for the Stake Relief Society meetings in the Berkeley Ward January 10 for all ward officers and teachers . . . Emogene Call is the new Social Science class instructor, and Elvira Farrell was chosen Sewing supervisor . . . Marshall and Althea Stoddard proudly announce the safe arrival of their third daughter, December 26th . . . LaReal Eyring is now serving as Activity Counselor in the Stake Y. L. M. I. A..

In the last sacrament meeting of the year Bishop Wood expressed appreciation for the members of the ward, declaring that there is less fault finding, and malicious gossip in Claremont Ward than in any place he has labored. The ward members, on their part, feel very appreciative for the excellent efforts of Bishop Wood and his counselors in the ward's affairs and wish for them the most enjoyable year of their lives.

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Our Missionaries

"'the field is white already to harvest . . . D. C. 4:3.

Lynn M. Hilton was among the first of our young men to return from the service and go on a mission. Lynn returned after two and one-half years in the Air Corps, on October 15, 1945. Just 18 days later he was on his way to his mission field. His call to the New England Mission came by telegram. He left on his 21st birthday.

Lynn was educated in the Oakland public schools. He is a graduate of the Oakland High School, where he served as stage manager and as a member of the student body cabinet. He was a pilot in the Army Air Corps during the war. In addition to other distinctions he was **top man out of seventy-two hundred cadets, in strength tests which consisted of push ups, pull ups, and an obstacle course. Lynn attributed his success in these tests to living the Word of Wisdom.** He is a Master M-Man and has always looked forward to going on a mission, especially during his stay in the service, where he devoted his spare time to a study of those Church books he thought would be of benefit to him in case he received a call.

Lynn is now serving as district president of the North Portland, Maine district, having previously served in a similar capacity in the Boston area. He mentioned in a recent letter that he had received a surprise honor by being nominated the "best all around missionary" by his fellows. If sincerity is a criterion, we feel sure he deserved the honor. We know Lynn is glad he heeded the call to "warn his neighbor" and we wish him much success and happiness in this glorious work.

On his first trip to the farm little Keith Kammerman saw a calf having his dinner. "Oh, Mom!" he exclaimed, "That little cow is eating the milkers."—Hayward Ward.

Vallejo Ward News

An unusually fine Christmas Cantata and pageant was presented to a huge audience Sunday, December 22. The pageant depicted the birth of the Christ Child Jesus, as the Singing Mothers told the lovely story in song. The singers, whose capable leader is Mrs. Harvey Nielsen, were lovely in their all white and black attire and the color and unusual costumes of the pageant cast made them seem like actual Biblical characters. Mrs. E. Z. Taylor planned and designed the pageant scenes which were typical of those days, and included the Shepherds as they watched their flocks, King Herod and his court, the desert scene as the Wise Men and Shepherds followed the star, Mary and Joseph, happy over the birth of their new born son, and finally the bells as they rang throughout Jerusalem declaring the birth of the blessed Christ Child. Nola Wickersham was the accompanist. The ward is proud of such fine talent.

Bishop and Mrs. E. Z. Taylor greeted the New Year at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pack at Pasadena. They saw the Rose parade and also attended the Rose Bowl game.

Wallace Weierman has been sustained as second counselor to the Bishop with Robert A. Allison as Ward Clerk and Thomas Olsen as assistant clerk.

The Relief Society Presidency entertained the women of the ward at a delightful Christmas party. After the regular lesson the group enjoyed carol singing and gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

The Primary and Sunday School organizations entertained at their annual Christmas party for the children. After the program and pageant Santa presented a gift to each child.

A program enacting the true Christmas spirit highlighted the party given by the Mutual organization. Dancing and refreshments climaxed a most enjoyable evening. The M. I. A .also entertained at a gala New Year's Eve ball with confetti, noisemakers and refreshments to add to the fun.

Ralph Alvine and Isabelle Marion Miller were united in marriage by Bishop Taylor Sunday, December 22. We extend congratulations to the newlyweds and welcome Mrs. Alvine into our ward.

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New Year's Resolutions

The making of New Year's Resolutions has fallen somewhat into disfavor. Perhaps this is because a feeling of disillusionment follows failure to live up to high resolves. But a wiser view, perhaps, is not to give up the high resolves entirely, but to be more temperate in those we make, and then to keep a closer day-to-day check to see that we keep them. Resolutions, whether at the beginning of the New Year or at any other time, are but guide posts on the way of life. Rather than to let our disillusionments pull down the guide posts should we not resolve to plant them even more deeply and to guide our passage down the "straight and narrow path" more consistently by these best resolves? When such great ones as Washington and Franklin have not hesitated to write down the noble aims of their lives, who can doubt the value of this annual practice in making our lives nobler and more successful.

Here are a few New Year's resolutions that were handed in anonomously by one of our class groups during December.

I resolve to think more—to take more time to think, and to be more humble, and a little better each day than yesterday.

I resolve to better cooperate with everyone in performing Church duties.

I resolve to talk things over with the Lord, and to abide by His decisions.

I resolve to acquire more friends by helping others.

I resolve this year to grow by wider reading the words of our leaders.

I resolve to draw nearer into the Lord that He may draw nearer unto me.

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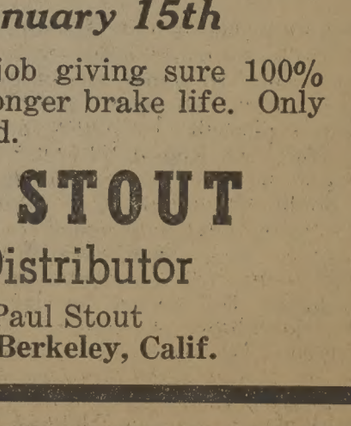

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Dimond Ward News

Former Ward Clerk Darrow McCarthy and wife Bernita have recently moved to Salinas. We will miss them, and wish them well . . . Delbert and Gertrude Wright and Rose and Elmer Clark, long members of the ward, celebrated their Silver wedding anniversaries in December. We wish them another 25 years of married happiness . . . Every Tuesday but the first is song practice for the Mother Singers of Dimond Ward. All women singers are urged to join and the practice is under the capable leadership of Irva Wilson, immediately after Relief Society . . . Former members of the ward, Lowell and Dorothy Kilner Perkins, now of Montpielier, Idaho, are proud parents of a baby boy, Daniel Kilner Perkins . . . Bishop and Helen Lauper welcomed a new baby daughter to their household Sunday, December 8 . . . The Roy Loe family from Oregon and Bob and Evelyn Kest and twins from Provo were former members and welcomed here for the Christmas holidays . . . It was good to see all the Dimond Ward B.Y.U. students home again for Christmas. Two buses were chartered by all the California residents attending B.Y.U. and the young men and women had a wonderful trip home . . . Of interest are some of the coming Sunday night programs. January 12th the 247 Quorum of Seventy is giving an interesting program; January 19th is High Council night . . . The Seventy's, whose special interest is missionary work, remembered our missionaries, who are dispersed over an area bordered by Maine, Argentina and Tahiti, with gifts of books this past Christmas season. New this issue in The Messenger is a column sponsored by the Presidents of the Quorum and devoted to our missionaries and their work. This month's column is about the experiences of one of the first of our young men to go into the mission field since the war, Lynn Hilton.

Come to buy and enjoy the Pacific Art Exhibit at 1836 Alice St., Oakland, Service Men's Home, M. T. W. Th., evenings, January 13, 14, 15 and 16. Benefit Tabernacle fund.

Oakland Stake High Priests News

President Don J. Allphin of the Oakland Stake High Priest Quorum announces the first quorum meeting of the year to be held on Thursday, February 6 in Dimond Chapel at 7:30 p.m. This is the regular quarterly quorum meeting under the new plan which has done away with the H. P. Quorum meetings on the 4th Sundays, and has provided evening meetings once a quarter for the entire quorum from all the wards. A full attendance from all high priests of the stake is asked for.

Attention will be called to the importance of keeping proper records and of making reports on time, and of the purpose of the H. P. dues and the uses which these dues serve in the work of the quorum.

Eugene Jacobs Announces

To the elders of the Oakland Stake, Eugene Jacobs of the High Council sends out the call to all the quorums to get in their annual reports as soon as possible, and on time. He also calls on each quorum to determine and set aside one night each month for work at the Stake Welfare House. Let all gird up for this service. United we can do much.

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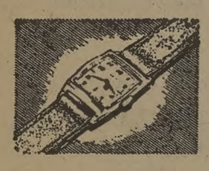
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Sam W. Scott

Sam W. Scott was voted the honory title of "president emeritus" of the Liahona Club in grateful recognition of his services for the past two years as the first president of the Club. He has been untireing in his labors for the welfare of the Liahona standards and objectives. "Sam" is a great worker wherever he finds a task to be done, in the Church or the community. The December number of The Messenger carried the story of his invention for improving automobile welding, and of the thriving business that he has since established in this busy field under the name of the "Sam Scott System," and located in the East Bay at 315-24th Street, Oakland.

Liahona Club News

Who are to be the new officers to guide the Latter-Day Saint business Mens' Club, the Liahonas, through the year 1947? That was the question which made the December 23 meeting of the Liahona Club so full of human interest. It was the annual meeting for nominating candidates which will be voted upon at the January meeting at the new place of club sessions, the Coit Hotel on Harrison Street near 14th Street.

President Sam Scott who has served as president for the past two years presided. President Scott received a solid round of applause for the excellent services he has rendered in getting the club organized and functioning in its two first years.

The committee of the club's constitution was instructed to prepare copies of the proposed constitution to be read and voted upon section by section at the January 27th meeting. An amendment broadening the membership requirements of the Club was submitted by A. D. Ericksen, and briefly discussed by the meeting.

The following names were placed in nomination for the various club officials for 1947: President, Elmo Smith, William H. Evans, Curtis Bybee; First Vice President (who serves as Membership Chairman), Curtis Bybee, Herb Van Noy; Second Vice President (who also serves as Program Chairman), Curtis Bybee, Heber J. Brown, Thys Winkel, Tom Ferguson, Charles Stamps; Secretary, Charles Stamps, Wendell Martin, Vaughn Moody; Treasurer, Don J. Allphin, Vaughn Moody, Ira B. Call, Lester Bybee, Wm. H. Evans, Chas. E. Mills, Earl Cardwel.

It is the announced desire of the club that there be 100 per cent attendance at the January 27th meeting at the Coit Hotel, Harrison St., near 14th St. It was also announced that all club members are urged to communicate with I. B. Ball, Messenger Editor, names of new advertisers.

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Rodney W. Pocock, Stake Chorister of the Oakland Stake, has received a letter from Tracy W. Cannon of the General Music Committee of the Church asking definite questions regarding the possibility of all Bay Area Stakes joining in a great 1947 Centennial Musical Festival to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the coming of the Mormon Pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley.

The thought behind the letter, Elder Pocock explains, is that while the main celebration of the Pioneer anniversary in 1947 will center in Salt Lake City in July, still the various other Church units all over the nation will want to consider the possibility of local celebrations timed before or after the main events in Salt Lake City.

For the success of these local Centennial Anniversary celebrations the General Music Committee is offering their cooperation with suggestions for the general plan. In any plan of this kind, it is proposed that the various wards of the region would participate on a stake basis, rehearsing the selections in their local units and then coming together for several united rehearsals.

The Messenger believes that it voices the general sentiment when it wishes for Elder Pocock and the other bay stake leaders the greatest success in this undertaking. It is felt that while many of the local colony will be able to attend the great celebration in Salt Lake City that still the majority of the children as well as of the adults will not be so privileged, and therefore a local celebration is urgently needed. Southern California is well along in its plans for just such a local observance, which will serve to call attention of the non-LDS population to the historic importance of the 1847 Pioneer settlement in the Salt Lake Valley.

"Never Be Late"

"As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every minute of time" —Mason.

In one of the fine wards of Berkeley Stake a young L. D. S. who is somewhat a student of human nature and also of statistics and of efficiency in human affairs stood with paper pad in hand, and unobserved jotted these figures on attendance at a sacrament meeting one Sunday evening in December last.

Number more than 5 minutes early 35%
Total present at time of starting 64%.
Came 5 minutes after starting time 22%
More than 5 minutes late 14%
Total late 36%
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"Better late than never, but better never late".

"That which we treat with respect we come to adore."

Who else wants to send in some similar data?

At a Court of Honor held by Troop 8 of Berkeley Ward on Tuesday night, December 17th, the following scout awards were made:

Advancement in rank:

Marlo Anderson, Phil Eyring, and John C. Franz to be Second Class scouts.

Robert Larsen to be a Star scout.

Merit Badges awarded:

Tom Johnson - Life Saving, Pioneering, Astronomy, Conservation, Rowing, and Zoology.
Robert Larsen - Pathfinding, Safety, Cycling, Photography, and Stamp Collecting.
Robert Lindblad - Safety Swimming, Reptile Study.
David Ruegg - Life Saving, Swimming, Cycling.
Charles Summerhays - Cycling, Photography.
David Gardner - Music.
Barney Gardner - Civics.
Scott Dunham - Safety.
Bruce Merrill - Marksmanship.

In recognition of faithful and competent service as Senior Patrol Leader, Bruce Merrill was advanced to the office of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and assigned the duty of assisting his brother, Assistant Scoutmaster Don Merrill, in camping activities.

In addition to recognising the achievement of the above scouts, the Court of Honor publicly thanked Dr. Raymond L. Knight for his fifteen years of service to the troop in the position of Scoutmaster, during which time 23 scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Dr. Knight, who had been awarded the Scouter's Training Award, the Scoutmaster's Key, and the Silver Buffalo (highest award of the local scout council), expressed his regret in leaving the position of Scoutmaster at the end of this year, but declared that he would remain active in scout work as he has important positions including that of Chairman of the Health and Safety Committee of the Berkeley-Contra Costa Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Presiding over the Court of honor were Co-Chairman of the Troop Committee Owen K. Walton, and Scout Commissioner David Moosman. Other committeemen present were Reed S. Gardner, Joseph C. Eyring, Theodore G. Ruegg, and Scott Dunham. Assistant Scoutmasters Robert H. Johnson, Don Merrill, and David B. Cummings assisted in conducting the ceremonies.

Berkeley Ward News

All scouts of the Berkeley Ward troop are planning to go to the encampment at Salt Lake next summer, and have begun the raising of funds for the trip by collecting old newspapers. The Cobra patrol has already collected and sold over a ton of newsprint. Future collection dates and consolidation centers will be announced from time to time in church and Mutual, and the help of the general membership of the Ward is greatly appreciated by the scouts.

In addition to meeting certain Priesthood requirements, each scout attending the encampment must complete certain scout advancement depending upon his rank in scouting. Scouts of the troop have drawn their own programs for this advancement, and Bob Larsen, Marlo Anderson, John Franz, and Phil Eyring have already completed half of their required program. Dick Baer, Stephen Barrett and Wesley Odell are close behind, each being almost half done.

Berkeley's newest missionary is Reed Tolman, who will leave for the mission home on the 20th and will sail for Australia from San Francisco on the 31st of this month.

Reed, the second post-war missionary to be assigned to labor in a foreign country, served in the Marine corps for three years during the war and attended Northwestern University, Georgia, and Texas, under the Marine Corps program, attaining the rank of second lieutenant.

The first foreign missionary was Wayne Mayhew, assigned last month to labor in the French Mission.

The great "swish" noticed by many on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, was not a shooting star but Richard Coltrin here for a one-day visit with his mother, Mrs. Myrl Coltrin. Dick flew from Chanute Field, Illinois, where he is serving in the U. S. Army.

Bishop and Mrs. Denzel C. Allen celebrated the holidays by a week's trip to Mesa, Arizona, to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Bishop Allen's parents, James H. and Alice C. Allen. Denzel G. Allen, Jr. accompanied his parents on the trip.

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Hayward Ward News

Sincere wishes for a Happy New Year!

Saturday, January 4th, at 10:00 a. m., the first shovel full of dirt was turned at the site of the new Hayward Ward Chapel, marking the beginning of actual construction. The Stake Presidency, Mayor Haar of Hayward, and a representative of the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce took part in the ceremonies. Dr. Leo J. Parry, chairman, and members of the Building Commitee planned the event which was well attended by members of the ward and their friends. Work is expected to progress rapidly as all necessary material has been on hand for some time. The final official signature on the blueprints has been the delaying factor. D. Ross McClellan, member of the ward, is the Building Contractor in charge of construction.

Rex and Mary Bolles, delightful Hayward couple, who have enchanted ward and stake members alike with their singing, will give a concert in the Elmhurst Hall sometime in February. They have gained considerable recognition through their interpretation of Victor Herbert melodies, in their many appearances in lodges, churches, weddings and receptions in the Bay Area.

The program in the Elmhurst Chapel will include many of these duets in addition to favorite ballads, tenor solos by Mr. Bolles and a collection of soprano solos by Mrs. Bolles. The latter attended Detroit Conservatory of Music and was choir director in another church before joining the Latter Day Saint faith recently. Mr. Bolles is also a gifted violinist.

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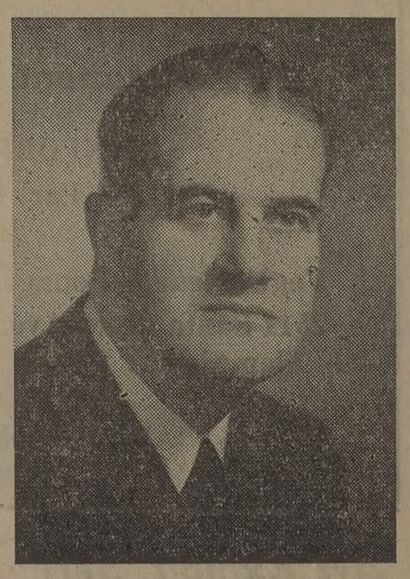
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